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AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 19, 2000
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 31, 2000
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2536

**Introduced by Assembly Members Scott and Wright
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Jackson and
Torlakson)**

February 24, 2000

An act relating to crime prevention, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2536, as amended, Scott. Crime prevention.

Existing law establishes various crime prevention programs.

This bill would require the Department of Justice to produce ~~television spots~~ *public service announcements* in both English and Spanish regarding recent changes in firearm laws, and a gun owner's responsibilities regarding safe storage

of a firearm, as specified. This bill would also appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund for purposes of the bill.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Department of Justice shall do all of
2 the following:

3 (a) Produce public service announcements in both
4 English and Spanish to inform the public on:

5 (1) Changes in firearms laws and how to obtain more
6 information on current laws.

7 (2) A gun owner's responsibilities for the safe storage
8 of a firearm as included in the Department of Justice
9 Basic Firearms Safety Course and Section 12080 of the
10 Penal Code.

11 (b) No publicly elected official shall be identified with
12 or involved in the public service announcements.

13 (c) *The department shall seek public service*
14 *announcement airtime, or airtime funded by a*
15 *foundation, or both, once the public service*
16 *announcements have been produced.*

17 SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five
18 thousand dollars (\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from
19 the General Fund to the Department of Justice, *on a one*
20 *time basis*, for the purposes of this act.

21 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
22 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or
23 safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
24 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
25 constituting the necessity are:

26 In order to protect the public safety by ensuring that
27 the public is informed regarding current firearms laws
28 and safe firearms storage practices.

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